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Applicant : Vadiraja Murthy and Edward R. Burns
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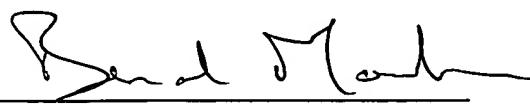
This Communication serves to confirm a phone conversation with Examiner Gabel regarding the above-identified application on September 20, 2002.

Examiner Gabel indicated that due to address changes following the events of September 11, 2001 there had been a delay in her receiving the Supplemental Amendment of September 5, 2001. She indicated that she had now received the Amendment and that we could expect a response within 1 month.

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